

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**  
**March 6, 2008**  
**bigforksteering.org**  
**(draft)**

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Edd Blackler, Alex Strickland, Chuck Gough, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, John Lang, Julie Spencer.

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** The motion was made to adopt the agenda. (m/sc Ridderhoff/Blackler) Passed unanimously

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as amended. (m/sc Darrow, E./Ridderhoff) Passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report No Treasurer Chuck did say an expenditure of \$250.00 had been received for Ken Weaver's visit to the chamber.

**Resort Tax Committee:** John Lang shared with us that the committee has been doing population studies and have come up with two areas to show us. They were visited by Ken Weaver who fully explained the complete steps you must take in order to start this process. He handed out a printout with all the steps involved, which government agencies to contact, in what order and sample letters. It is a very specific set of plans. It would be for Bigfork only. It does cross county lines in Big Sky because the entrance is in one county and the ski hill in another. John also stated maybe the Vision Committee could identify those projects that would benefit this community. Elna reported that the CFBB already has a list. Craig remarked we don't want to step on anyone's plans

**Lake County Planning:** No report

**Vision Committee:** The Vision Committee is meeting on Monday April 7, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. They have gotten in touch with a Ned Cooney who has the expertise on helping non profit organizations in getting good results and it was suggested the vision committee might like to meet with him so that he can help us make us more of an efficient organization.

**Storm Water Committee: (Formerly known as the Watershed Committee)** This committee will be meeting on March 13, 2008 at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower 5:00 p.m.

**Chairman's Report:** Craig gave a report on the Board Of Adjustment meeting that was held on Tues. The zone variance for the building on Electric Ave was continued by the applicant. The coffee shop and apartments in Evergreen, applicant did not attend... They needed 26 parking spaces and they only had 20. It was denied. The Tennis Recreation by the Crossroads Christian Fellowship church passed with 21 Conditions that have to be met. The Alltel tower passed.

Craig announced that we had lunch with Paul Mustacio Chairman of the CFBB to discuss community projects. We came to the conclusion that we need to have a combined meeting with all the groups in town that are working on our community needs so we don't duplicate and maybe pool resources.

Craig also mentioned that Elna forwarded an email from Robin Steinkraus who would like to give a short presentation to the Bigfork Steering Committee on the North Shore

Ranch subdivision. Craig has arranged for her to come to the Community Forum next week on March 13, 2008.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** We have arranged a meeting on Ambient Lighting which is shaded lighting such as IGA. Drew Hubatsek will be giving us a Power Point Presentation on this subject and also lighting that will not disturb your neighbor. It will be held on March 11, 2008 at Bethany Lutheran Church on Highway 35 at 7:00 pm in the Basement.

Everyone in Bigfork, Ferndale, Woods Bay and all over are invited to this meeting. He is hoping to get the person from Whitefish that was instrumental in getting their ordinance passed. Drew is also the Chairman of this committee.

Tonight is the meeting at Hilton Gardens Inn on the proposed marina. Diane Johnson, one speaker in opposition called Gary Ridderhoff and asked him to urge large numbers of people opposed to please show up. (Which they did)

Next week is our community forum. We will be meeting in either the Ark or the Library depending how many people we have. The basement will be used for a luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47

Pat Wagner, Secretary